

(c) The details of the newspaper article published in 'Hindustan' dated 5.9.2001 are incorrect.

Recruitment of soldiers in the Armed Forces

† 1087. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received for the recruitment of soldiers in all the three wings of Indian Armed Forces during last two years;
- (b) the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of recruits out of these applicants?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Recruitment of PBORs (Personnel Below Officer Rank) in the Army is made through open rallies and not through the system of applications. A total of 1,21,856 PBORs have been recruited in the Army in the last two years (upto March 2001). The recruitment of Sailors in Navy and Airmen in Air Force is carried out on all India merit basis through the system of applications. In Air Force a total of 14,30,000 applications were received in the last two years (upto June 2001), out of which 4741 persons were recruited. State-wise data is not maintained in Air Force. In Navy, number of applications received in the last two years (upto December 2000) was 2,49,951 out of which 6547 persons were recruited. The State-wise details are given in the Statement I and II.

Statement-I

Details of applications received from various States for last two years in the Navy

Sl. No.	States	1999	2000
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16636	19232

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	37
3.	Assam	2234	2432
4.	Bihar	18009	19764
5.	Gujarat	446	546
6.	Haryana	5639	6551
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1635	2003
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	938	807
9.	Karnataka	1259	892
10.	Kerala	6036	5934
11.	Goa	536	362
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2021	1703
13.	Maharashtra	6327	4043
14.	Manipur	116	332
15.	Meghalaya	57	116
16.	Nagaland	—	—
17.	Mizoram	232	46
18.	Tripura	57	49
19.	Orissa	13437	15636
20.	Punjab	1516	1617
21.	Rajasthan	5039	6035
22.	West Bengal	14200	15231
23.	Uttar Pradesh	17036	18459
24.	Tamil Nadu	1233	1445
25.	Delhi	6036	5036
26.	Andaman and Nicobar	36	131
27.	Chandigarh	245	397
28.	Daman and Diu	—	—
29.	Lakshadweep Islands	—	—
30.	Pondicherry	—	109
TOTAL:		120956	128995

Statement-II

Details of Sailors recruited from various States for last two years in the Navy

Sl. States No	1999	2000
1. Andhra Pradesh	335	323
2. Arunachal Pradesh	0	03
3. Assam	35	63
4. Bihar	427	779
5. Gujarat	08	05
6. Haryana	202	274
7. Himachal Pradesh	44	46
8. Jammu and Kashmir	17	33
9. Karnataka	52	27
10 Kerala	239	176
11 Goa	13	09
12 Madhya Pradesh	70	82
13 Maharashtra	115	59
14 Manipur	18	12
15 Meghalaya	02	06
16 Nagaland	—	—
17 Mizoram	11	01
18 Tripura	02	01
19 Orissa	239	165
20 Punjab	66	39
21 Rajasthan	156	91
22 West Bengal	193	294
23 Uttar Pradesh	620	896
24 Tamil Nadu	59	80
25 Delhi	68	66
26 Andaman and Nicobar	05	05
27 Chandigarh	07	05
28 Daman and Diu	—	—

1	2	3	4
29.	Lakshadweep Islands	—	—
30.	Pondicherry	—	4
TOTAL:		3003	3544

Underwater telephone by Keltrol

1088. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an underwater telephone is being produced by Keltrol, based on the indigenous design developed by the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these sets will be installed in all major Indian Navy ships in a phased manner;

(c) whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out by the Defence Ministry; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The development of Under Water Telephones relates to operational information of the Navy and as such it would not be in the interest of National security to divulge it on the Floor of the House.

Optimum utilisation of AFHQ employees in the Ministry of Defence

1089. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (E) to recommend implementation of the decision of the Group of Ministers on optimum utilisation of AFHQ employees in the Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that, the aforesaid Committee was to make its recommendations by 30.9.2001;

(c) whether the Committee has since made its recommendations;